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1. COMMISSION OFFICIALS INFORM US THAT LAST WEEK'S
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INCREASED THE SUBSIDY FOR BARLEY
EXPORTED TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL FROM 50 TO 60 U.A./M.T.
THE SUBSIDY FOR BARLEY EXPORTED TO SWITZERLAND AND
AUSTRIA REMAINS AT 45 U.A./M.T. A SUBSIDY OF 65 U.A./
M.T. WAS INTRODUCED FOR THOSE AREAS NOT COVERED BY THE
EXPORT TENDER FOR BARLEY--I.E., ZONE V (SUB-SAHARAN
AFRICA), ZONE VII (FAR EAST INCLUDING JAPAN) AND EAST
GERMANY. THE OFFICIALS SAY THAT THIS SUBSIDY IS AIMED
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PRIMARILY AT THE EAST GERMAN MARKET. THEY SAY THERE IS
NO MARKET FOR BARLEY IN ZONE V AND THAT THE SUBSIDY IS
NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO PERMIT PENETRATION OF ZONE VII
(JAPAN). HOWEVER, THEY SAY THAT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
REASONS THE SUBSIDY COULD NOT BE DESIGNATED AS APPLYING
TO EAST GERMANY ALONE.

2. AS NOTED IN REF. D, A POSITIVE CORRECTIVE AMOUNT OF 5 U.A./M.T. HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR BARLEY EXPORTS EFFECTED IN MAY. THIS CORRECTIVE AMOUNT WILL ONLY BENEFIT BARLEY SOLD UNDER THE EXPORT TENDER, EXPORT LICENSES FOR WHICH HAVE A PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF 4 MONTHS PLUS THE MONTH OF ISSUE (AS COMPARED WITH 2 MONTHS PLUS THE MONTH OF ISSUE FOR NON-TENDER EXPORTS). COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT THE CORRECTIVE AMOUNT IS AIMED AT MEETING THE COMPETITION OF CANADIAN BARLEY WHICH WILL BEGIN TO COME ON THE MARKET THIS SPRING AFTER THE LAKES THAW.

3. EXPORT SUBSIDIES WERE ALSO INTRODUCED FOR RYE: 55 U.A./M.T. FOR SPAIN AND AUSTRIA, 65 U.A./M.T. FOR OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES. SUBSIDIES FOR OTHER GRAINS REMAIN AS REPORTED IN REFS. A, B, AND C.

4. COMMISSION OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT THEY HAVE, AS USUAL, A SURPLUS DISPOSAL PROBLEM WITH RYE THIS YEAR. THEY EXPECT TO OPEN AN EXPORT TENDER FOR RYE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HINTON

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